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WEATHER REPORT

ASSOCIATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, northeast to northwest winds, falling followed by rising barometer, stationary temperatures, and cloudy followed by clearing weather, will prevail.

For the West Gulf States, northerly winds, slightly cooler, cloudy weather, and possible occasional light rains or snows.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, northeast to northwest winds, stationary or rising barometer, slightly cooler, cloudy weather, and possible occasional light rains or snows.

For the Middle Atlantic States, northeast to northwest winds, slightly cooler, cloudy weather, falling followed by rising barometer, and possibly occasional light rains.

Temperatures will continue about freezing in the canal regions of Maryland and Virginia.

Cautionary signals continue at Norfolk, Cape Henry, Kitty Hawk, Cape Hatteras, Cape Lookout, Wilmington, and Smithville.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was cloudy or rainy, raw, and disagreeable.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 42; 9 A. M., 46; noon, 49; 3 P. M., 49; 6 P. M., 45; midnight, 46.

LOCAL MATTERS

The Governor's Inauguration.

The following is the programme for the reception, entertainment, and inauguration of the Hon. F. W. M. Holliday, Governor-elect of Virginia, agreed upon at a special meeting of the committee of arrangements...

The Governor-elect and accompanying party will be met at Gordonsville by twenty-five members of the reception committee...

The Governor and party will be received in Richmond at the depot at 4 P. M. by the Mayor, City Council, reception committee...

Reception speech, to be made by Judge John F. Lay, chairman of the reception committee. The party will then be escorted to the Exchange Hotel by the military and police.

SECOND DAY.—Procession and inauguration ceremonies January 1st. Procession to be formed at the Exchange Hotel at 10 o'clock A. M., in charge of the marshals...

General R. Lindsay Walker chief marshal; J. H. Seay, Jr., secretary; military clubs and other organizations; carriage containing the Governor-elect, Judge of the Court of Appeals present, and chairman of the reception committee of the citizens and Legislature; carriage containing the Lieutenant-Governor-elect, Lieutenant-General, and chairman of the committee of arrangements...

His Excellency Governor James L. Kemper will then be escorted to the Capitol building from the Executive Mansion by the Mayor, Council, and Board of Commissioners...

PARADISE.—Governor Kemper has pardoned Charles Taylor (colored), who was in March, 1860, convicted of burglary in Henrico county and sentenced to death...

LEG BROKEN UNDER STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCES.—A difficulty occurred near the Old Market yesterday evening between a colored man and woman. The man slapped the woman and ran off. There were cries to stop him, and Mr. J. L. Johnson, thinking the colored man was accused of some considerable offence, thrust one leg forward in the endeavor to trip the fugitive. The result was that his own leg was broken.

DEATH OF A WORTHY LADY.—We regret to have to announce the death of the wife of W. F. Taylor, Esq., Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Virginia. She died on the 26th inst. at the age of nearly sixty years of age, and was a lady of estimable character. Her maiden name was Temple.

COMMISSION ISSUED.—Alexander M. Tomlinson, one of the most popular of the police force, has been commissioned as Captain of Company G, First Virginia Regiment, to rank as such from October 29, 1877.

COSTLY.—Judge Hughes on yesterday ordered to jail D. Comastri, an Italian, charged with contempt in failing to pay attention to some bankruptcy process.

PERSONAL.—Charles Euker, Esq., has been confined to his bed two weeks with a painful rheumatic attack.

THE JAMES-RIVER ROAD.

The Scheme Assuming a Tangible Form.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC INTERESTS LAST NIGHT. PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE JAMES-RIVER AND KANAWHA RAILROAD COMPANY. THE LEGISLATION TO BE APPLIED FOR AT ONCE—A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE BILL—A SURVEY OF THE LINE TO BE MADE AS SOON AS THE CHARTER IS GRANTED, &c., &c.

A meeting of the Board of Public Interests was held in the Council chamber yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Present: Messrs. Christian (president), Stearns, Talbot, Skinker, Crenshaw, Courtney, Palmer, and, by invitation, Messrs. W. E. Cutshaw and H. D. Whitcomb, engineers.

A communication from Mr. James Lyons (the same as presented to the meeting of citizens at Exchange Hotel in the interest of the canal) was laid before the meeting by the Chair and read by Secretary August.

A communication was also received from Mr. H. D. Whitcomb on the subject of location of the James River Valley.

Mr. Lyons's letter was, on motion of Mr. Straus, received and laid on the table.

When the Board adjourned on Wednesday last it had under consideration the resolutions of Major Courtney favoring the construction of a canal on the part of the city of \$2,000,000 to build said road. The resolutions were again read.

MR. STRAUS'S PROPOSITION. Mr. Straus presented to the Board the following as a substitute for Mr. Courtney's resolutions, which were read:

1. Resolved, As the opinion of the Board of Public Interests, that it is inexpedient to appropriate at this time the sum of \$2,000,000 for the construction of a railroad from Richmond to Buchanan by way of Lynchburg.

2. Resolved, That it is desirable, in the opinion of the Board, that such a railroad should be built on as practicable a route as possible.

3. Resolved, That whenever a charter shall be granted by the General Assembly for the construction of such a railroad, and a company organized, the City Council should proceed, in the mode prescribed by the charter, to ascertain the consent of the citizens of Richmond upon the question of a subscription thereof of such sum as shall seem reasonable and requisite in aid of the construction of such railroad.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE WHOLE. Mr. Christian (Mr. Palmer being in the chair) addressed the Board and presented the following resolutions as a substitute for the whole:

1. That in the opinion of this Board it is most desirable to have a railroad running along the line of the James-River valley from Richmond to Clifton Forge, and as soon as practicable, that the canal along the line of the James-River valley from Richmond to Buchanan should be abandoned as a permanent means of transportation, totally self-sustaining, and should be abandoned as soon as a railway can be substituted therefor.

2. That we recommend to the Council the adoption of a resolution requesting our representatives in the Legislature to cooperate with the representatives of the people of the cities and counties along the line of said valley, and such others as may be interested therein, for the purpose of obtaining such legislation to build a railroad from Richmond to Clifton Forge, along the top-path of the James River and Kanawha canal, or adjacent thereto, as far as practicable, and to ascertain the consent of the citizens of Richmond to the same.

3. That as soon as said legislation is obtained (if granted upon terms acceptable to the citizens of Richmond) the Board recommends that said Council shall at once appropriate a sum not exceeding \$5,000, or so much thereof as is necessary to be expended in making a proper survey for the best route for said road; and that said survey be ordered to be made by the Council as soon as the law for that purpose is enacted.

4. That in the event that said charter for the railroad is granted on terms acceptable to the City Council, that then we recommend to the Council to submit to the qualified voters of the city, under the provisions of the charter, an amendment to said charter, to ascertain the consent of the citizens of the city to the same.

MR. CHRISTIAN'S VIEWS. Mr. Christian gave in detail his reasons for offering the substitute, and said he had given the subject of the canal a great deal of thought. He said that the interests of the city required that such a road be built; that the canal did not afford the proper facilities to the people along the line of the canal for bringing their produce to market, but he did not believe it would be expedient for the city of Richmond to expend \$2,000,000 before we had gotten all the light on the subject. He objected to the resolutions presented to the Board of Aldermen because they set out by saying that the canal had been subject to frequent washes, and therefore could not be relied on for the transportation of goods to be destroyed by floods; while in the next resolution it is declared that a railroad should be built on the top-path. He also spoke of the benefit that would result from having the canal repaired, in the building of the road, and the vast importance of having a survey of the line made in order to ascertain the cost of the road. He thought the Board of Aldermen had acted hastily in adopting its resolution before it had all the data.

MR. STRAUS'S VIEWS. Mr. Stearns said that if his friend Mr. Christian would alter the \$500,000 named in the resolution he would vote for it, although it saved of delay.

Mr. Straus said that he agreed with what Mr. Christian had said; that his resolutions were similar to Mr. Christian's except as to the \$500,000. It was his opinion that a liberal sum should be subscribed, but that if \$2,000,000 was asked for, it would be refused by a large majority. He said he would accept Mr. Christian's resolution if he would strike out the \$500,000 clause.

Mr. Talbot said that if any amount was put in the resolution it should not be more than \$25,000.

Mr. Whitcomb, being asked, said he did not think a survey would cost over \$5,000. Mr. Christian amended his resolution, and inserted \$5,000 for a survey instead of \$250,000 on the part of the city to repair the canal, as the clause stood in his resolution when he first read it.

THE PROPOSED BILL. Judge Meredith, being invited, addressed the Board in reference to the bill the committee of the James River and Kanawha Company were asked to propose as to the charter, and the amount of the Legislature for it. The committee had agreed that it would be expedient not to form a new company, but to amend the charter of the James River and Kanawha Company so as to authorize the construction of the railroad in lieu of the canal. The idea was that the company should issue its bonds for two and a half million of dollars and mortgage its whole line for that amount. Then the city of Richmond could subscribe half a million and the city of Lynchburg a quarter of a million, and with the amount so raised could be given such an impetus that the bonds of the company would be readily sold. The contribution on the part of the James River and Kanawha Company of the road-bed and the money from the cities of Richmond and Lynchburg would establish the scheme before a permanent. He thought the establishment of a new company would be the wisest scheme imaginable.

He next spoke of the early sale of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad and the probability of its early extension to the city of Richmond, and when the road is once more on its feet, if the canal was sold that company would be a bidder for it and probably buy it. The idea that we could buy the canal at a small figure was a great fallacy. Now is the golden opportunity, said he, to get a great sum—a great railroad to Clifton Forge. Let us get the charter for the railroad, if possible, on terms acceptable to Lynchburg and Richmond; then a survey can be made, and when that is done it will be time enough to say how much Richmond shall subscribe. He was opposed to putting any sum in the charter.

THE EXTENSION OF THE ROAD'S PROPOSITIONS. Mr. Stearns said that it gave him much pleasure to see that the proposition of Mr. Straus's proposition is that it give the control of the money Richmond loans. The \$2,000,000 will ensure a perpetual control of the work. Richmond is to have five directors, the State three, and private stockholders one. The last four will always be conservative, and will not make a dead weight live, and we should have the benefit of it. When it is ascertained that Richmond is determined to build the road it will improve our credit, because money-lenders will see that it is to be made rich. Let us have the road, and we shall have the benefit of it. It was his opinion that it should be made as soon as possible, and that it should be made as soon as possible.

When a few years we will be able to have a double track to the James River and Lynchburg wants to go in to give her a representation proportionate to her subscription. He regarded Mr. Todd's scheme as broad, equitable, and honest.

Mr. Talbot asked the engineers if the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad could be built a straight line to Charlottesville, thus giving a line seventy miles shorter to Clifton Forge than the proposed James-River line, what effect would that have on the latter scheme. He then proceeded, without waiting a reply, to state that that would be the case of a straight line to Charlottesville, and that it would be a great advantage. He believed the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad would build the short line.

WHEN LOW GRADES ARE PROFITABLE. Mr. Whitcomb, in response, said that low grades are profitable in cases of large tonnage. If the Chesapeake and Ohio should make the short line it would reduce the distance between Richmond and Clifton Forge to 167 miles, and a railroad along the road would be 230. The grade does not afford passenger trains. The James-River route is desirable for freight. The time will come when the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad will be a great advantage to Richmond, and will find it to its advantage to build this road. The canal will be very useful in transporting cross-ties and other material for the road.

In reply to Mr. Stearns, he said he thought in this way the full benefit of the \$50,000 would be reaped.

Mr. Talbot said he understood the damage to the upper end of the canal amounted to \$150,000.

CHRISTMAS.

A MERRY OLD TIME—HORNS AND CRACKERS—INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS—POLICE BUSINESS.

It would be quite a comfort to be able to follow the precedents established in many local and say that "Christmas passed off quietly." Regarding this, however, it is always precarious in this line of business, prevents the adoption of such time-honored expression. If it were to be used the blast from ten thousand tin horns and the roar of countless pop-crackers and torpedoes, still ringing in the ears of the people, would rise and denounce it as false. The revelry commenced on Monday evening, continued through that night, was started with fresh vigor Christmas morning, and lasted the day long and late into the night. The young folks had a losing time, and the old folks were not better off.

The churches where services were announced were very well attended. But even those who sought the sanctuaries were not entirely removed from the uproar. At times broke through the walls and windows. It mounted higher than the organ's bell and the notes of the bells, and the sharp and rasping, would intrude upon the Christmas anthems, and it more than once happened that the happiest points of the preacher were rounded off by untimely explosion half a square of pop-crackers.

The police did what they could to subdue the noise-producing, but with only moderate success. A large portion of the population had come to the conclusion that to be noisy was to be happy, and they were determined to be happy. Much good humor and large quantities of egg-nog prevailed. The consequence was that there were many noisy and merry boys on the streets who were merry. There were some worse off than that. But happily they were but few in number compared with the great body of more sensible drinkers.

RAGAMUFFINS. When the Manchester ragamuffins came over and paraded they were followed by crowds almost as great as those of the President. Manchester's enterprise in this respect was duly appreciated. But where in the world so many raw-boned horses came from was a mystery. It looked as if—so far as many of the animals were concerned—that they had been a resurrection of old Confederate cavalry horses. But that was, of course, a part of the arrangement to make the whole sight as grotesque as possible. It was a success.

PIROUETTES. Christmas night there were displays of fireworks in many portions of the city, which were enjoyed by the masses of the people to the generous people, who thereby made the children happy. It was an entertainment that could be enjoyed by the rich and poor alike.

A CHRISTMAS CUTTING SCRAPE. Christmas night W. R. Thorpe was arrested by Sergeant Parater and Policeman W. N. Smith, charged with cutting with intent to kill Griffin Brasley (colored). The case passed had a hearing before the Police Justice yesterday, and owing to the absence of the wounded man the case was continued until Saturday. The officers who made the arrest stated that they took Thorpe before Brasley, and that the latter said that he had cut Brasley's arm out with a razor. Brasley's wife declared that she knew Thorpe well, and that he was positively the man.

Mrs. Thorpe says her husband was at home from 2 o'clock until his arrest, and the cutting was done at 7 P. M.

Mrs. Wade, a neighbor, stated that she saw Thorpe at his home at fifteen minutes to 7 o'clock.

Dr. Moseley says Brasley's wounds are not serious. Justice White fixed the bail at \$1,500.

A LITTLE BOY DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED. About 11 o'clock on Christmas-day, while a number of boys were trifling with a small toy gun, one of them named Richard Allen, producing a dangerous wound. Allen at once fell to the ground, exclaiming that he was shot. His comrades carried him into a store near by and laid him down, and sent for his father. He had his son carried to his residence, No. 717, on the corner of the city, where he was attended by a physician friend, who thought it improper to probe for the ball. The wound is pronounced dangerous, but the physician thinks if inflammation can be prevented it may not result fatally. Young Allen passed a restless night Tuesday, but early Tuesday morning he was enabled to get a little sleep.

Young Allen is the son of Mr. William Allen, the accountant; is a bright and promising lad, and is popularly and favorably known in the neighborhood.

SHOT THROUGH THE HAND. George T. King, son of W. T. King, by the untimely firing of a pistol, was slightly wounded on one hand.

SHOT BY HIS COMPANION. Isaac Washington, a small colored boy, was accidentally shot in the abdomen by a companion while firing Christmas salutes with a pistol on the flats in Butchertown. Isaac was taken to the Infirmary for treatment. The wound is said to be somewhat serious.

MORE THAN A HUNDRED PERSONS at present receiving the hospitalities of the State at the city jail were on Christmas-day treated to quite an acceptable variation from the usual prison fare. Sergeant Tyler furnished them coffee and oysters for breakfast. For dinner they had roast beef and pie and other luxuries. Many of them were candid enough to admit that they were better provided for than they would have been if they had been out. No doubt that was a fact. They were all seemingly very grateful for the kindness and liberality of the city.

Some of the boys, to some extent to share the joys of the whole Christmas party on that of all days the most blessed.

A MULE'S CHRISTMAS BREAK. On Christmas afternoon a colored boy was riding a mule near the corner of Duval street and Brook avenue the animal fell, and rolling over on the rider injured him considerably.

POLICE COURT. Police-Justice White held court Christmas day. A number of trifling cases were disposed of, and several sinners released to join their friends in the Christmas festivities. Yesterday the docket was large. The cases were such as were incidental to the too free use of liquor, and all the mercy consistent with a proper administration of the law was shown. There were a good many dollars in fines collected.

William Gray, Nellie Matthews, Margaret Brown, Mary Thomas, Martha White, John Dandridge, and Henry Thomas (all colored), residents of Byrd Island, were charged with being drunk and disorderly, and assaulting and beating Policeman Fox while in the discharge of his duty. William Gray and Henry Thomas were fined \$10 each, Margaret Brown \$5, and the others \$2 each.

A CASE OF SEVERE POINDING.—A goodly number of the congregation of the Pine-Street Baptist church invaded the residence of their pastor, Rev. J. B. Hutson, on Christmas eve and so severely pounded that individual that scarcely enough breath was left within him to return the thanks which he so deeply felt. Not content with this, a huge turkey, large ham, and a royal repast of sweet things were sent in the next day.

THE MISTLETOE BOUGH.—This pantomime will be presented at Mozart Hall to-night, with such accessories as will be sure to delight all those who attend. A large and fashionable audience may be relied upon.

Sunday-School Celebration.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEIGHT-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOL.—INTERESTING CEREMONIES—ANNUAL REPORTS—ELECTION OF OFFICERS, &c., &c.

A short time since efforts were successfully made to raise the room used by the Leight-Street Baptist church Sunday school, and now there is scarcely to be found a neater or more tasteful place of worship in the city. The painting and graining was executed in handsome manner by Mr. D. E. Montgomery; the benches are of excellent design, and were made by Messrs. John & George Gibson; the blinds were the workmanship of W. P. Marrow; the matting and carpeting were furnished by Anderson & Son, and the gas-fixtures by James E. Phillips. To the ladies of the church are these improvements mostly due.

The twenty-fourth anniversary of the school occurred Christmas-day in the presence of a very large assemblage of ladies, gentlemen, and children. In rear of the superintendent's desk were placed photographs of the renovated building, the same, Mrs. Mackie, and the lamented Stanley Clarke. These photographs were tastefully displayed in evergreens.

About 10 o'clock Superintendent Miles Turpin called the assemblage to order and announced the exercises.

A song of praise—"Welcome, Welcome Here This Festival Day"—was sung; after which Mr. William H. Williams offered a fervent and earnest prayer of thanksgiving for blessings bestowed during the year just passed.

Another beautiful song—"Carol, Christians, Carol"—was then given; after which R. F. Butler read the report of the primary department for the year, which will be found below.

G. Harvey Clarke (secretary) then read the report of the school proper for the past year. The following were the leading facts: Number of officers and teachers on roll, 70; number of scholars, 550; average attendance of officers and teachers, 65; average attendance of scholars, 387; percentage for 1877, 73; number of church-members, 300; church-members in the school, 9 officers, 6 teachers, and 170 scholars; 240 conversions; 70 deaths, 8-4 teachers and 4 scholars; collections, \$338.32. The largest number of scholars in attendance was on December 23rd—488. The smallest was on December 13th—462. Largest monthly average in 1877 was 462.

The following officers and teachers have been present every Sunday during the year: A. B. Clarke, R. F. Butler, T. L. Angus, W. J. E. Cox. Seven were absent only one Sunday, and five two Sundays.

Twenty-two of the scholars have been present every Sunday during the year. Miss Eliza Pitt has not missed a Sunday for eight years, Daniel Weisiger for four years, while Joseph Thacker has been absent only four times in eight years.

The superintendent (Mr. E. S. Turpin) reports shows the receipts (including balance on hand in 1876 of \$119.19) were \$389.77; the expenditures were \$315.56—leaving a balance in the treasury of \$74.21.

The superintendent (Mr. Miles Turpin) then addressed the school in a very happy manner. He alluded to the fact that the losses by death during the past year, paying a deserved and appropriate tribute to several of them, and earnestly appealed to his hearers to follow the bright examples set by them. He concluded his brief remarks by a fervent and earnest prayer, and then closed the evening with a hymn.

The singing by the choir and school, led by Mr. James Tignor, was excellent; the pieces were appropriate, and the music lively and spirited. This portion of the exercises was truly well done, and elicited deserved commendation.

The primary department of the school occupies another room, and is officered by A. B. Clarke, superintendent; and R. F. Butler, secretary, and E. Gathright, treasurer. The exercises consisted of singing and lessons, and were quite interesting. The report of the secretary is summarized as follows:

Scholars on roll, 217; teachers, 20. Average attendance of male scholars, 68; average attendance of female scholars, 81; largest attendance of male scholars, 149; of female scholars, 123; 111; of females (February 18), 107; largest attendance of males and females (December 23), 211. Smallest attendance of male scholars on Sunday, March 13, 23; of females, same date, 26.

Number of deaths—Scholars, 3; teachers, 1. Church members—Scholars, 3; teachers, 20. Four scholars were reported as having attended every Sunday during the year.

The report of the treasurer (Mr. E. Gathright) shows the receipts for the year ending December 25 to have been \$67.74; disbursements, \$43.30; leaving a balance on hand of \$24.43.

On Sunday next prizes will be delivered to the scholars deserving them, and the annual election of officers will take place.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of this Society was held at Park-Place Methodist church on Sunday afternoon—A. L. West (president) in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. A. G. Brown, of Clay-Street church, and singing by the school.

Rev. E. E. Edwards, pastor, made a statement in regard to the school. In consequence of removal from the old church the school has been partially disorganized, but is now in good condition. About thirty new scholars have been added to the school, and the prospects are good for a flourishing work on Sunday next.

The President read an interesting letter from the school in China, supported by the Methodist schools of this city and Manchester, in which they return hearty thanks for the help given them by the school.

Rev. W. B. McGilvray and Rev. R. N. Sledd then addressed the meeting on Sunday-school topics. The addresses were earnest and impressive and well calculated to do much good.

The President congratulated the membership on the admirable arrangement of the new church for school purposes, and predicted a successful career both as a church and school.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. L. West, president; Theophilus, John Craig, Junius Brutus, George Washington Morris, Thackerus Superbus, Alexander Jones, Messrs. Morrisette, Nelson, Hoy, Bradley, Richard Baird, and others. The parade was highly enjoyed by all who witnessed it, both in this city and Richmond.

Election of Officers.—Henderson Lodge, No. 105, I. O. F., has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Rev. George C. Vandervelde, noble grand; Thomas W. Gentry, vice-grand; Cornelius S. Wells, secretary; Coleman Wells, treasurer and chaplain; and T. W. Crow, Coleman Wells, and John B. Coghill, trustees.

Stuart Lodge, No. 141, I. O. F., has elected the following: William H. Atkinson, noble grand; J. T. Ashworth, vice-grand; Jos. B. Yaden, secretary; Henry A. Jordan, treasurer; and Thomas W. Bass, chaplain.

A Pleasant Pounding.—Christmas night Rev. Dr. D. B. Winfree, pastor of the Baptist church, was pounded at his residence on Porter street by his friends and parishioners. Ex-Mayor Chiles made the presentation speech, and the reverend gentleman responded appropriately. The tender of good and useful articles was large. Notwithstanding the vigorous pounding the party was a success. A lady were able to be out yesterday as usual.

The Fifth-Street Festival.—One of the most enjoyable of the Christmas parties was the Christmas-tree and festival of the Fifth-Street Methodist Sabbath school. Beautiful presents and good cheer were distributed to nearly one hundred scholars. The affair was admirably managed by Mr. Coleman Wells. Mr. Emanuel Matthews acted as Santa Claus.

Work Resumed.—Work was resumed on the water-line and at the Danville shops yesterday. The Petersburg shops will go to work to-morrow, and Belle Island Monday, it is reported.

Flowers for New-Year Receptions.—New-Year's receptions without flowers would be like Christmas without eggs or dewdrops. Now, if you want beautiful, fragrant, heliotropes and violets, japonica fresh for May, and all the rare plants that first-class florists cultivate, you have only to go to the extensive greenhouses of Messrs. TOLER & HOOPER, corner of Cherry and Belvidere streets, near Hollywood Cemetery, to procure them. These artists flourish will arrange them in baskets, bouquets, &c., to suit the taste of the most fastidious. The flowers are guaranteed. Give them an early call and satisfaction is guaranteed. The only way to make January as pleasant as May is to fill your houses with beautiful flowers.

It is scarcely possible to buy a pack of crackers (ordinary size) in the city. D. COLUMBES has a small lot for sale. They were mislaid in the rush of Christmas business, and are now offered to meet the demand.

Flowers; Flowers; Flowers!—All those in want of flowers for New-Year's will please send their orders early to insure prompt attention. JOHN MORTON, Florist, 1101 West Main street. DESIGNS of all kinds suitable for New-Year's receptions at JOHN MORTON'S, 1101 West Main street.

INTERESTING TO THE LADIES.

Mrs. Virginia Terhune (Marion Harland), who has been abroad for some time past, has recovered her health, and will, it is thought, soon revisit America. During her absence she has been engaged in preparing for publication a work to be entitled "The Yearly Round: or, the most pleasant events and felicitous moments of the year, as observed by the householders every day in the year. The work will be similar in many respects to her "Common Sense," and will doubtless be looked forward to with great interest by every housekeeper.

THE BOY ORATOR TO-DAY.—The child orator, Ralph Bingham, will delight our people, especially the young folks, this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Mozart Hall, with an exhibition of his remarkable oratorical talents. To those who have heard little Ralph at the Bethel school exercises nothing further is needed to induce them to hear him again, and to those who have not we would say do not miss the opportunity this afternoon. The entertainment is for the benefit of the Leo-Monument fund, and the proceeds will be used in the purchase of the monument. It is hoped it will result in a substantial success. The price of admission is very small.

THE THEATRE TO-NIGHT.—The Richmond City Guard, assisted by some professional actors, will present "On Guard" and the "Little Rebel" at the Theatre to-night. The entertainment will doubtless be enjoyable, as the plays are said to be sprightly and full of interest.

THE THEATRE NEXT WEEK.—Chamfray, an old Richmond favorite, supported by a company claimed to be one of the best in the country, will commence an engagement at the Theatre next week.

FIRE ALARM.—An alarm of fire about 11:15 A. M., on Christmas, from Station 3, Second police-district headquarters, was occasioned by the accidental burning of a lot of paper at Schiller's Hall. Trifling damage.

PIETY THE POOR INDYAN.—In the Texas Jack drama a United States peace commissioner talks an Indian to death. If that is the sort of entertainment the members of the City Council, the Police Board, and the Board of Public Interests, to the apparent entire insecurity of property in the very heart of the city. Within the last thirty days four stores between Eighth and Fourteenth, on Main street, have been broken into and the contents of the stores, in some of them heavy quarter-inch thick plate-glass, which the owners will have to replace at considerable cost, with no redress, to be smashed again whenever the thieves see what they want within their reach. It is to be hoped that the city fathers should either protect the people's property or make an appropriation to pay damages done by thieves to the owners of property.

ONE OF THE SUFFERERS. MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

The observance of Christmas.—With the exception of the incessant and ear-piercing horn-blowing and the noise of the exploding fireworks, Christmas-day passed off in a more quiet manner than usual. There were fewer free dispensations of egg-nog, partly to which is no doubt to be attributed the number of arrests were smaller.

There were few parties and no weddings, as far as heard from. A number of persons entertained their friends privately and publicly, prominent among them Mr. George W. Tobly, of the Chestfield House, who, with the assistance of Mr. S. M. Miles, made every one welcome. The great feature of the day was the parade of "The Komik Krewes."

The Bold Bowery Blues, the Hentzeth Klub, and the Kansas Killers, from the lower part of the city, formed at Fourth and Hull streets, and met the Bowling Green Klub, the Young America Shanghai Filibusters, and the Swansboro' Pet Lambs at the head of Hull street. After parading the principal streets the crews passed over into Richmond. They were everywhere received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Some of the costumes and designs were excellent, the Mottet Register, Happy Family, Double Six, Captain Jack, and others, being particularly happy.

Among the crews were Deemotris Theophilus, John Craig, Junius Brutus, George Washington Morris, Thackerus Superbus, Alexander Jones, Messrs. Morrisette, Nelson, Hoy, Bradley, Richard Baird, and others. The parade was highly enjoyed by all who witnessed it, both in this city and Richmond.

Election of Officers.—Henderson Lodge, No. 105, I. O. F., has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Rev. George C. Vandervelde, noble grand; Thomas W. Gentry, vice-grand; Cornelius S. Wells, secretary; Coleman Wells, treasurer and chaplain; and T. W. Crow, Coleman Wells, and John B. Coghill, trustees.

Stuart Lodge, No. 141, I. O. F., has elected the following: William H. Atkinson, noble grand; J. T. Ashworth, vice-grand; Jos. B. Yaden, secretary; Henry A. Jordan, treasurer; and Thomas W. Bass, chaplain.